

deals with what is going to happen to the school of Curtis, not necessarily where the funding for this food processing center and Veterinarian Research Fund may go. I think if you read over the weekend I introduced a bill, LB 918, last Friday dealing with the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources in an effort to work with the University of Nebraska to expand or at least to get a better understanding of the needs of that institute and what plans for the future may be involved. I'm hoping through that bill, if it would be passed by this body, that the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, the committee itself and the members of this body will have a better understanding of what the future of agriculture and the University of Nebraska may be in trying to get the university to explain to us the needs that they may have at that institute, where we are headed in agriculture, whether or not agriculture is going to be an important function of the University of Nebraska. So I guess in part I'm plugging LB 918 because I feel that it addresses the heart of this issue and that is what are we going to do with the school at Curtis and some ag programs that are probably being reexamined now with the ag crisis and also the financial crisis that we now are encountering here at the Legislature. So I would just like to go on record as supporting Senator Vickers' motion to leave the school at Curtis as is and, hopefully, address this issue again another day if LB 918 makes it to the floor.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, I haven't forgotten you and you are the last speaker, but I don't see Senator DeCamp, period. Now we are on the Vickers amendment. Perhaps, just in the way of suggestion, you could catch him when we get back to the resolution itself, or did you want to wait that long?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, I would just as soon go ahead and vote on the Vickers amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I mean if it is time to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes. We'll have Senator Vickers close and then I'll leave your light on. Senator Vickers, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Very briefly, Mr. President. I don't